and of firewood at Bhadravathi employ both skilled and unskilled labour. Cottage or small scale industries like the manufacturing of furniture, of country carts and the making of articles from bamboos and canes afford the means of livelihood to a large number of people. The Department has taken up the investigation of some forest products likely to prove of economic value and among these may be mentioned oil from Dhuma trees and from Yennemara, oil from sandalseed, fat from Dhupa fruit, silk cotton, tussore silk and pulp from bamboos. There are a number of problems relating to forest industries which are already in existence or which are capable of being developed and Government are glad to learn that the Chief Conservator is arranging for the collection of information and statistics bearing upon them and for their investigation on the technical and economic sides.

37. *General.*—The Chief Conservator of Forests has steadily kept in view the general lines of forest policy approved by Government last year and has taken practical action in several directions to give effect to it. The activities of the Department included in the year under report, development work on a much larger scale than before, and several important problems relating to exploitation, transportation and commercial uses of forest products have been taken up for study and investigation. The work of the Department during the year was satisfactory and Government are glad to note the good work of officers specially mentioned by the Chief Conservator. The very satisfactory work of the Department in regard to the exploitation of sandalwood mostly of small sizes—worth over nine lakhs of rupees in the remote parts of the forests in the Kankanhalli Taluk deserves special mention.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Reviews the report on the Administration of the Public Works Department for the year 1928-29.

READ—

Report on the administration of the Public Works Department for the year 1928-29, received with the Chief Engineer's letter No. 5812, dated 9th November 1929.

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Recorded.

2. Rajasevasakta J. Bhore continued to control the operations of the Department during the year under report as Chief Engineer.

3. *Grant and outlay.*—The final grant for the year under all heads was Rs. 65,94,547 against Rs. 57,28,484 in the previous year; and the outlay incurred Rs. 62,71,630 against Rs. 56,68,498 in 1927-28. Including the outlay of Rs. 3,26,657 from sources such as contributions, etc., the total expenditure of the Department amounted to Rs. 65,98,287 against Rs. 60,22,330 in the preceding year. The aggregate actual State grant was Rs. 41,81,451 and the recorded outlay Rs. 37,74,578 showing a net lapse of Rs. 4,06,873. The most noticeable lapses are under Civil Works and Public Improvements, amounting to over one lakh of rupees in the former case and over Rs. 1½ lakhs in the latter. It is explained that the major portion of the lapse under civil works was in the Mysore Special and Mysore Divisions, due to the late receipt of bills for works on the New Guests' Mansion (Lalita Mahal) and the late settlement of tenders for the Operation Theatre of the Vani Vilas Hospital and the extension of the Branch Press at Mysore. The lapse under Public Improvements is mainly due to the final bills of certain contractors not being adjusted before the end of the year.

4. *Irrigation Works charged to Revenue.*—The total expenditure incurred under this head was Rs. 9,05,823 against Rs. 8,16,737 during the previous year. Of this, Rs. 4,78,849 was spent on major tanks, Rs. 2,56,154 on channels and Rs. 1,70,820 on minor tanks. Government are glad to note that the improvement of expenditure on tanks noticed in the last year's review has been maintained during the present year also.

Nineteen major tank works were taken up during the year, of which 4 were completed and the rest were in various stages of progress. One of these is the construction of a reservoir across the Kumudvati river, near Anjanapur in the Shimoga District, on which an outlay of Rs. 1,12,891 was incurred during the year under report. Out of the 4 channel works in progress, one was completed during the year under report and another, *viz.*, the anicut across the Bhadra at Gopala in the Shimoga District was practically completed and the work of opening the right bank channel is nearing completion, water being let in the channel for irrigation up to 37th mile. The work of minor tank restoration is reported to be proceeding satisfactorily, 98 works having been completed during the year out of 364 in progress against the grant of Rs. 1,72,000 the outlay was Rs. 1,70,820.

5. *Civil Works.*—Of the works in progress during the year, the extension of the Hotel Metropole and the Travellers' Bungalow on the Bababudan Hills were completed and the work of the New Guests' Mansion at Mysore was nearly completed. The construction of the combined Dispensary and Wards at Tarikere, Sri Chamarajendra Hospital at Mysore and also the construction of the officials' quarters at Sagar, Tirthahalli and Saklespur and of the Maternity Hospital at Tiptur made appreciable progress. All Government buildings are reported to have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

6. *Communications.*—The expenditure under communications from State Funds amounted to Rs. 11,03,799 against Rs. 7,33,067 during the previous year, of which Rs. 1,59,374 was spent on original works, Rs. 8,92,209 on special repairs and annual maintenance of State Fund roads and the bulk of the rest on repairs of travellers' bungalows. Out of the 8 original works taken up during the year, 6 were completed and the remaining two showed appreciable progress. One of these latter was the construction of a bridge across the Cauvery river at T.-Narsipur which was started during the year. Two thousand one hundred and thirty-two miles of State Fund roads and 3,589 miles of District Fund roads were maintained during the year of which 1,833 miles of the former and 1,754 of the latter were metalled. The average cost of maintenance of the State Fund roads was Rs. 418 per mile and of the District Fund roads Rs. 166 against Rs. 305 and 123 respectively during the previous year.

7. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—The total outlay under this head was Rs. 3,15,806 of which a sum of Rs. 86,087 was contributed from State Funds, Rs. 1,25,601 from District Funds and Rs. 1,04,028 from miscellaneous other contributions. Of these, Rs. 2,20,270 were spent on water supply schemes, Rs. 75,888 on improvements to towns and the rest on miscellaneous other improvements.

8. *Water Supply.*—The expenditure on the maintenance of Vani Vilas Water Works in the Mysore City was Rs. 1,33,605 and the quantity of water pumped from Belagola was 837 million gallons against 796 millions in the previous year. The work of laying cast iron pipes up to the Jewell Filters was completed during the year. The Hessarghatta and Yelemallappa Chetty's tanks received sufficient supply of water and no works were undertaken during the year to increase the capacity of the former, in view of another project under consideration for improving the water supply to the Bangalore City.

The water supply project of Hunsur Town was started at an outlay of Rs. 16,546 during the year.

9. *Irrigation Cess Fund.*—The total outlay on Irrigation Cess Fund during the year was Rs. 4,23,183 against Rs. 4,19,920 during the previous year.

10. *Establishment charges.*—The total charges incurred on this account amounted to Rs. 10,07,458 as against Rs. 9,86,914 in the previous year. The proportion which the establishment charges bear to the total expenditure on works and repairs under all funds was 18·32 per cent during the year under review as against 19·52 per cent during the preceding year.

11. *General.*—With a view to facilitating the improvement on a larger scale of the condition of all the State Fund roads, the formation of a Road Fund was sanctioned during the year and a triennial programme of road repairs has been prepared.

On the proposal of the Chief Engineer for the constitution of an Irrigation Fund on the same lines as the Road Fund, Government sanctioned a fixed sum of Rs. 10 lakhs per annum for irrigation works for 1929-30.

A triennial programme of building works for the Education Department was sanctioned.

The formation of project Sub-Divisions attached to the three Divisions of Bangalore, Kolar and Tumkur was sanctioned.

Among the more important schemes under consideration were (1) construction of a reservoir across the Bhadra river at Lakkavalli at an estimated cost of Rs. 216 lakhs, (2) construction of the Parasurampur tank for which an estimate amounting to Rs. 3,08,000 is under scrutiny, (3) preparation of a project for the Ambligola Reservoir, and (4) construction of a feeder channel to the Borankanave from the Singadahalli stream.

12. *Conclusion.*—Government desire to place on record their appreciation of the satisfactory working of the Department under the able guidance of Rajasevasakta J. Bhore. Increased attention should be paid during the ensuing year to the improvement of the condition of the roads.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Sub-Registry Office at Alur.

READ—

Letter No. 308—27-28, dated 15th January 1930, *from the Inspector-General of Registration in Mysore, submitting proposals for the conversion of the *Ex-officio* Sub-Registry Office at Alur into a special one from 1st July 1930.

2. Memo No. 1870—Books, dated 19th February 1930, from the Comptroller, reporting that the proposal referred to above involves an extra expenditure of Rs. 1,228 per annum.

*(Printed as annexure.)

ORDER NO. FL. 6010-2—REGIS. 21-29-4, DATED 10TH—11TH MARCH 1930.

The recommendations of the Inspector-General of Registration are sanctioned with effect from 1st July 1930.

Necessary provision will be made in the Budget for 1930-31.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

ANNEXURE.

Letter No. C. R. 308—27-28, dated 15th January 1930, from the Inspector-General of Registration in Mysore, to the Financial Secretary to Government.

With reference to para 2 of this office letter No. C. R. 338—28-29, dated 23rd July 1929, *re* the conversion of the Alur *Ex-officio* Sub-Registry Office into a special one, I have the honor to state that the average number of documents registered in a year in the Alur *Ex-officio* Office is 866 with an income of Rs. 1,673. The Deputy Amildar who is a touring officer with multifarious duties cannot also attend to the heavy work of the Registration Department without much

1. J. 2028—Regis. 3-21-11, dated 6th October 1921.
2. J. 11103—Regis. 47-22-2, dated 23rd May 1923.
3. P. 6109—Regis. 35-24-6, dated 1st May 1925.